

QUESTIONS POSED ON AUGUST 20, 2013

- **QUESTION 1:** The local hospitals here do not recycle their cardboard, which adds up to several hundred pounds a week when compacted. Could the grant be used to purchase an upright compactor/baler as well as combination fork lift/truck to lift and transport the bales to the recycler?

MDEQ RESPONSE: The Recycling Cooperative Grants can certainly be used to purchase recycling equipment such as balers, compactors, sorting lines, chipping equipment and fork lifts to support a regional cooperative recycling system. However, the question of whether a baler can be placed at a location that may benefit only one source of materials would need to be reviewed and considered within the context of the project as a whole. The intent of the program is to help set up cooperative operations where various sources may benefit and where a regional recycling effort can gain the greatest volume and quality of materials. If the project can demonstrate that placement of a baler at an area hospital has larger benefits to the recycling system (e.g. volume, quality materials, etc), then MDEQ can consider the funding of that equipment purchase.

- **QUESTION 2:** Could the compactor/recycler be owned by the hospital (or by the city or county)?

MDEQ RESPONSE: Generally, the recycling equipment purchased through the grant will need to be owned by a city, county, local government entity or other regional cooperative organization of local governments. The equipment could still potentially be placed at the hospital where the project can show that placing the equipment there has appropriate benefits to the overall recycling system.

- **QUESTION 3:** With respect to the fork lift/truck combo - could the City purchase this with the grant and use it at the respective hospitals?

MDEQ RESPONSE: A City could conceivably purchase a fork lift with the Recycling Cooperative Grant Funds and could use it at area recycling locations where the project can show that that use has appropriate benefits to the recycling system as a whole.